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REF: (A) STATE 152640 (B) JENKINS-SCHWARTZ MEMO OF 5/24/77

(B) JENKINS-BELLINGER MEMO OF 8/16/77 (D) STUTTGART 1407

1. AS RESULT OF REFERENCED EXCHANGES ON MARINE SECURITY GUARD DETACHMENT AND CONTINUING TERRORIST PROBLEM IN STUTTGART AREA, WE REQUEST THAT OUR PRESENT MSG DETACHMENT OF ONE (1) NCOIC AND FIVE (5) WATCHSTANDERS REMAIN AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL. AS STATED IN OUR REPLY TO THE 1977 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTORS (REF C) WE CONSIDER THE RETENTION OF DETACHMENT IMPORTANT FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

2. OUR REQUEST IS BASED ON SEVERAL HARD FACTS. FIRST, INSTEAD OF CONVERTING STAMMHEIM PRISONBACK TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING LAST APRIL AFTER COMPLETION OF THE BAADER-MEINHOF TRIAL AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED, IT WILL NOW BE USED FOR FURTHER TERRORIST TRIALS. SECOND, OF THE DOZEN OR SO TERRORISTS BE-

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ING ACTIVELY SOUGHT BY THE GERMAN POLICE, NEARLY ALL ARE FROM BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG. THIRD, LOCAL TERRORIST ACTIVITIES SHOW NO SIGN OF ABATING. THE BUBACK AND PONTO MURDERS THIS YEAR ARE A MATTER OF RECORD. THE SEPTEMBER 5 SCHLEYER KIDNAPPING HAS YET TO BE RESOLVED; SCHLEYER'S STUTTGART BODYGUARDS AND DRIVER HAVE BEEN BURIED. THE ATTEMPTED ROCKETING OF FEDERAL COURT BUILDINGS IN KARLSRUHE IS LESS THAN A MONTH

OLD. AS IN THE CASE OF SEVERAL OTHER CONSULAR POSTS IN GERMANY, THE CONSULATE GENERAL ITSELF WAS THE TARGET OF A TELEPHONE BOMB THREAT (REF D) ON AUGUST 18.

3. IN SHORT, A REAL NEED FOR POST SECURITY EXISTS AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THERE IS MORE CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE THAT THE LOCAL TERRORIST THREAT HAS BEEN EFFECTIVELY REDUCED.

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